

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Scoop

Oct. 13-17, 2014			
Mrs. Spielmann		West Central Elementary	
<b><u>Character Education</u></b> The Character Education word for October is: <u>Respect</u> . Respect is following the Golden Rule. There are great benefits for treating others with respect. Each week we will be giving away Subway Certificates to students who exhibit these characteristics!	<b><u>Math</u></b> This week we will be working with addition story problems. We will also work on problem solving strategies. Please work with your child on memorizing math flash cards in addition and subtraction. We continue to do Mad Minute Math tests and CGI problems on a daily basis. ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ ^ <b><u>Just a reminder:</u></b> <b><u>Homework is:</u></b> *Study spelling words *Read for 20 minutes every night *Memorize math flash cards for addition and subtraction *Practice writing short stories *Practice fluency sheets *Please remember to initial your child's planner with time read each night	<b><u>Creative Writing</u></b> We are writing narratives. We use various prompts that are aligned to our Common Core Standards. The students really get excited when it is writing time and sharing on the "Author's Chair" ----- <b><u>Spelling</u></b> The students are working on spelling words with ar. We will be doing Differentiated Spelling. Each child will come home with their own personal list of words in their Planners. Daily activities to reinforce spelling words include: Word Search, ABC Order, Double Puzzle, write a letter to your teacher using list words and finding meanings of the spelling words in the dictionary and using list words in sentences.	 <p><b><u>Dates to Remember:</u></b>  <b><u>October 13 – No School</u></b>  <b><u>October 14– Bookmobile</u></b>  <b><u>October 22 – Picture Retakes</u></b>            *****  <b><u>Phonics &amp; Grammar</u></b>            *Fantasy Story., and connect prior knowledge  <b><u>Reading:</u></b>  <b><u>Read Aloud Anthology "Stellaluna"</u></b>  <b><u>Guided Reading Groups:</u></b>  <b><u>Fluency,</u></b>  <b><u>comprehension skills,</u></b>  <b><u>predicting, and</u></b>  <b><u>author's message,</u></b>  <b><u>realistic fiction, and</u></b>  <b><u>author's purpose.</u></b>  <b><u>Independent Reading and A.R. Tests</u></b>  <b><u>Encourage your child to read &amp; practice math facts each night. This is a very powerful habit that pays off in the long run. These are skills they need to know.</u></b></p>
<b><u>Social Studies/ Weekly Reader</u></b> This week we will be learning about the cold and flu season. <b><u>Vocabulary Words:</u></b> <u>illness, cold, flu, germs, government, taxes, services</u>			
			
			

## Vocabulary

High Frequency Words for this week are: accept, ago, clear, fair, half, though

Robust Vocabulary Words for this week are: clutched, clambered, clumsy, ached, feud, superior, refuse, insult

Quick Tip: To expose your child to these words, one suggestion may include placing word cards around the house and having the student read and define the words as they find them.

In our literacy centers, we place the words on index cards with the definitions on the back. The students read the cards and work with partners to become more familiar with the words.

Writing: (Writing complete sentences)

We will write paragraphs about various pictures. Writing Trait: (Ideas) Conventions (using the correct grammar, punctuation, and spelling). We will also work on describing. The students will also work on using effective word choices in their writing-such as rhyming words and colorful words to clarify description and revise word choices. Bullying Contract: I promise I will not bully others. I promise I will not hurt others through my words or my actions. I promise to be kind. Be Safe. Be ready to learn!

## Read Aloud Charts

"Bat Habits" - (describing how we listen for a purpose)

Students will discuss what they enjoyed most about the poem.

"Night Creatures" - Students will think about what is happening in the poem and

Listening Center Stories: "The Great Ball Game" By Joseph Bruchac  
Genre: Pourquoi Tales

While listening to these stories, the students will learn new vocabulary words which include: ago, accept, though fair, clear, half  
The students will also orally discuss the beginning, middle, and end of the story & the author's message.

## October Snacks

13 - No School

14 - Cody

15 - Sophia

16 - Bryce

17 - Kade

Thanks for providing snacks!!



Our class Halloween party will be held on Friday, Oct. 31 at 2:15 p.m. The room parents that signed up for the party are: Christy Menning- 351-0894; Amanda Rolfson - 610-5780; Sondra Vogt - 261-0570; Cathie Jatón- 310-0065 and Heidi Lueth - 906-0619. The chairperson is Christy. She will contact the other room parents to help plan the party. I am confident they will have a great party planned for us! Remember: no scary costumes will be permitted! If any other parents would like to help, just let me know and I will include you! Thank you!

## Quotes of the Week-

"Resolve to read each day! It will make itself felt throughout your life!" Mann

"We have so much to learn, let us teach one another as kindly as we can!" Senge

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"Instill in our students a love of learning, a desire to know and to do what is right, and the knowledge and skill to face the future with courage."

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